

MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2016

BUDGET WORKSHOP

7:00pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members were present. Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order.

Discussion: General Fund

1. Question: rental properties in Jonesville
 - a. Worth Remembering \$175.00
 - b. Custom Heating & Air and \$250.00
2. **Governing Board**
3. **Administration**
 - a. Question: vehicle allowance line item (May 18, 2015, instead of purchasing a town vehicle the Town Manager, Scott Buffkin will receive \$350.00 vehicle allowance (new line item) per month to cover business travel within the PTRC (12 County area. Others using their personal vehicles for work purposes can turn in a mileage expense sheet.
 - b. No new insurance rates are known yet.
4. **Police Department Head Requests:**
 - a. The department would request up to a 5% merit increase based on employee evaluation and for a cost of living to be competitive with other departments to maintain current employees that would prevent the high cost of re-hiring and training.
 - b. Question: new hires range between \$28,000 - \$32,000 and town benefits are great selling points in the hiring process. Salaries are competitive with Elkin.
 - c. Requesting a Lexopole SOP System \$3,700, which will increase line item equipment maintenance and repair.
 - d. Requesting one new vehicle again this year \$40,000. We have 7 cars in excellent condition and the goal is to have one car per man. No grants are available for police vehicles. Fuel is based on 100,000 miles per year \$30,000. The suggestion is to keep a mileage log and add the results to the police monthly report, so citizens are aware of the usage and importance of adding new police vehicles.
 - e. Looking to upgrade our side arms and tazers that are 5 years old.
 - f. In good shape on vests which have 5-year warranties and are on average \$400 per officer.
5. **Police Sub Station:**
 - a. The suggestion is to update the building/around it; flag pole, name it, landscaping etc.
 - b. Remove Jonesville Fire Department sign and place somewhere in Jonesville. (discuss more at next workshop meeting.
6. **Old Town Hall/Library**
 - a. One bid for \$23,000 to demolish old town hall
 - b. One bid for \$500-\$800 to survey for asbestos
 - c. The suggestion of implementing a per vehicle fee in addition to the regular personal property tax for each vehicle registered in the town. The state changed the law allowing

municipalities to charge up to \$30 per vehicle (House Bill 97). Seeking to find out how much this fee could produce and the number of vehicles that are registered in town?

- d. The suggestion doing a separate tax, (hotels 2% maybe).
- e. The suggestion to build a metal library, raise taxes and if the friends group raises funds, then the town can pay extra on the loan. The friends group has \$32,000 saved.
- f. The suggestion to buy used material to build the library and save money.

No action was taken at this meeting.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Wall made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Darnell seconded the motion and passed unanimous 5-0.

Gene Pardue, Mayor

Lynn Trivette, CMC, NCCMC